

Lydia Is Converted

Acts 16:9-15

BIBLE STORY (THE BASICS)

"Come to Macedonia, Paul," said the man in the vision. "We need you." Paul knew the vision was from God. He and his friends left for Macedonia right away. They knew God was calling them to tell others about Jesus.

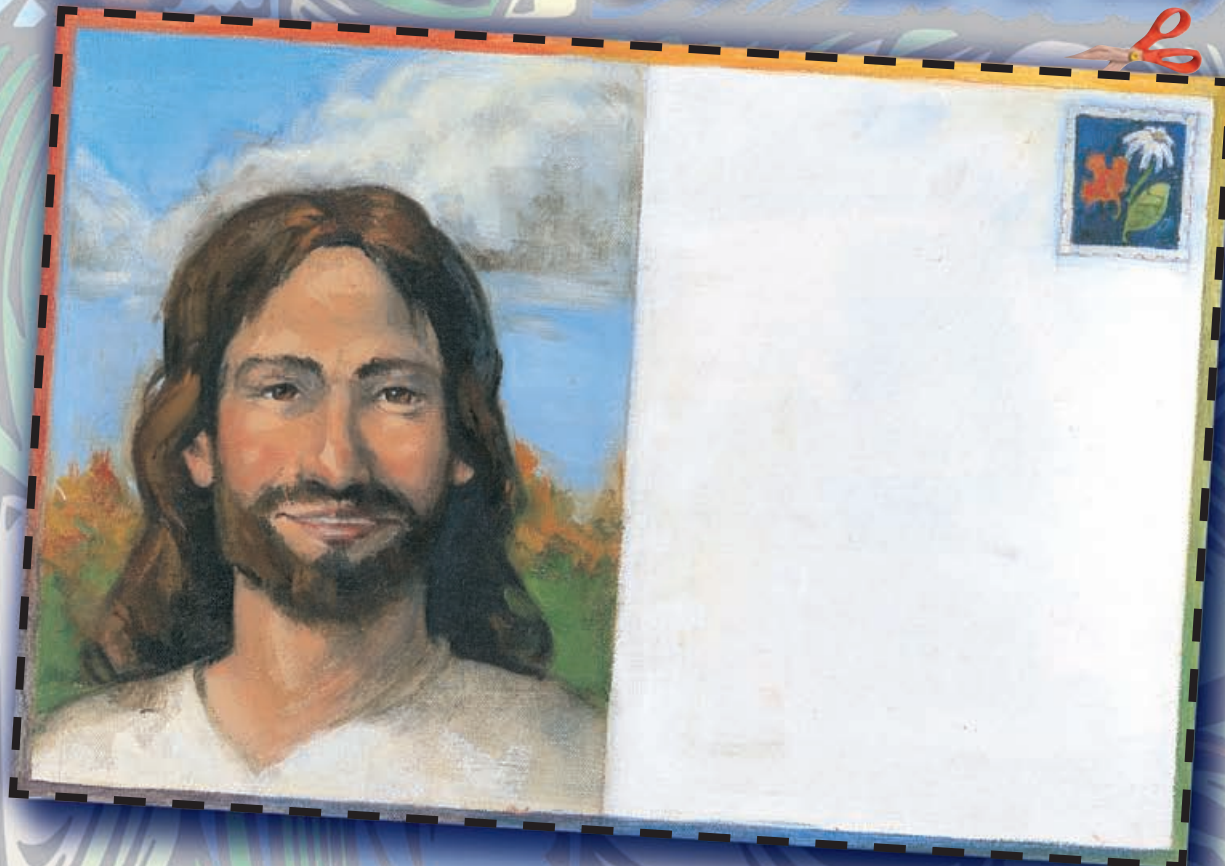
On the Sabbath, the missionaries stopped in Philippi, a leading Macedonian city. They went to the river to pray. At the river, a group of women had gathered who didn't know about Jesus. Paul and his friends were happy to share the good news!

Lydia was one of these women. Lydia became a believer along with the other members of her household, and they were baptized. Then she invited Paul and his friends to stay in her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house," she said. So they did!

Bible Point: Be prepared to tell others about Jesus.

Key Verse: "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season" (2 Timothy 4:2a).

In Season and Out





Telling the Good News



Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- Invite your friend over to watch a movie with you and tell him or her about Jesus—while sharing some popcorn, too!
- Tell each of your family members about Jesus.
- When the mail is delivered to your house, tell the postal worker about Jesus' love.

The best way to prepare for telling others about Jesus is to practice. Choose one family member to pretend not to know Jesus. Encourage that person to ask questions about Jesus. Have other family members explain what they know about Jesus. When you've finished, let another family member pretend not to know Jesus. When every family member has had a turn, ask God for opportunities to tell others about Jesus. Pray for specific people, and ask God to help you talk with them as opportunities arise.

PARENT STUMPER

Q: What was Lydia's occupation?

A: Lydia was a dealer in purple cloth.



THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY Ephesians 4:29

How does the way you talk let others know you are a Christian?

TUESDAY Colossians 3:15-17

How can obeying what's written in these verses help you be "prepared in season and out of season"?

WEDNESDAY 1 Peter 3:15

How have you set apart Christ as Lord? Is he first in your life? Can others see that he's first?

THURSDAY Ephesians 2:10

How does knowing you are God's workmanship help you when you tell others about Jesus?

FRIDAY Titus 2:7

Do you set an example for your non-Christian friends? How?

SATURDAY Hebrews 3:12-13

Doing wrong things can pull you away from God. How can you encourage your friends to keep doing what's right?

